

**HDCA Executive Council Meeting Minutes**  
**September 5, 2017, 7:30 pm**  
**HDCA Annual Conference, Cape Town, South Africa**

**Present:** Mario Biggeri, Enrica Chiappero-Martinetti, Andrew Crabtree, Judy Favish, Caroline Hart, Ravi Kanbur, Lori Keleher, Serene Khader, Ann Mitchell, Sophie Mitra, Ingrid Robeyns, Jack Simpson  
(Participating by Skype): Graciela Tonon, Sridhar Venkatapuram, Kathy Rosenblum

**Chair:** Ravi Kanbur

**1. 2017 Conference Report**

- a. 291 registered and paid for conference. About 40 people interested in day registration.
- b. Full Registrants come from 39 different countries. Fewer from African countries than they had hoped, probably due to the cost.
- c. 22 student volunteers.
- d. Change of venue was a disappointment but necessitated by campus shutdowns and change in academic calendar.

**2. 2017 Summer School Report**

- a. 36 students attended, including from Kenya, Niger, and South Africa.
- b. Fantastic support from Murray, Judy and the student volunteers.
- c. Thanks to the teachers: Sridhar, Mario, Melanie, Sandra and Giulia Greco.
- d. Students were each given 20-minute slot to present their work and get feedback – they really appreciated the opportunity.
- e. Student feedback very positive - they liked the inter-disciplinary and interactive nature. Felt it was a constructive, safe space for learning, presentations targeted to the audience, comprehensive, opened minds as to application of CA to different fields. Suggestions: reading ahead of the summer school, add an extra day, more info about their student peers and research.
- f. Thanks to the coordinators: Caroline, Graciela and Sridhar, and to all the teachers.

**3. 2018 Conference Update**

- a. Organized by Catholic University of Argentina, with FLACSO, from 30 Aug-1 Sept.
- b. Proposed theme: “Human Development and Social Inclusion in an Urbanizing World.” There was unanimous approval by EC members.
- c. Summer school. HDCA summer school will take place prior to the conference. Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative (OPHI) will run a summer school immediately following the conference.
- d. All conference events (except dinner) to be held at university campus.
- e. Call for papers to be distributed in December.

#### **4. 2018 HDCA Annual Budget**

- a. Large one-time donation received this year will help fund conference scholarships over the next 4 years.
- b. New contract with Taylor & Francis will result in lower shipping costs for the journal and higher income from royalty payments.
- c. We've invested about \$150,000 in general funds and just over \$50,000 for the Nussbaum Lecture fund.
- d. JHDC subscriptions – members will be asked to take digital-only subscriptions to help save on shipping costs.
- e. The 2018 HDCA budget was approved unanimously.

#### **5. Introductory Materials for New EC members**

- a. There is a lack of explicit instructions for new members of the EC and HDCA committees. We need to develop clear descriptions of expectations and duties for these positions.

#### **6. Institutional Members**

- a. Interest in having more institutional members; we currently have only one. We need to make membership more attractive to institutions.

#### **7. Nussbaum Fund investment**

- a. Do we need a resolution about investing the fund 'sustainably'? This will be taken up at a subsequent meeting.

#### **8. AOB**

- a. As Judy will be retiring from UCT, Murray Leibbrandt will take her place on the EC. Unanimously approved.
- b. Andrew proposed an HDCA cookbook. He was asked to present a proposal.

#### **9. Next meeting**

- a. November – Kathy will send a Doodle poll to schedule